

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 + wherein the step of capturing comprises the steps of:

receiving claim identification information from a claimant, said claim identification information comprising, at least, one line level;

providing a client with an item tree of line item level data based on the line level and aggregating line item level data collected from the claimant; and

storing the line item level data in the insurance host server.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 + wherein the step of evaluating the line item data comprises the steps of:

displaying at least one line item from the insurance host server;

receiving a selection of at least one line item from a claim handler; and

receiving authorization from the claim handler to execute payment of the selected line item, wherein said authorization is for a payment in a form comprising a direct payment, vendor transfer, line item payment, or preauthorized payment.

4. (currently amended) A method for capture, evaluation and fulfillment of line item level data, the method comprising steps performed by a data processing system, of:

capturing at least one line item data in an insurance host server;

evaluating the line item data during the processing of an insurance claim;

enabling the selection of a payment type; and

fulfilling the payment of a line item based on the evaluation of the line item data. ~~The method of claim 1~~ wherein the step of fulfilling comprises the steps of:

maintaining a vendor database on the insurance host server;

placing at least one order for at least one line item from the insurance host server to a vendor; and

tracking the order on the insurance host server.

5. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the step of maintaining a vendor database further comprises the step of entering vendor information in the vendor database.

6. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the step of maintaining a vendor database further comprises the step of editing vendor information in the vendor database.

7. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the step of maintaining a vendor database further comprises the step of upgrading a vendor to a preferred vendor in the vendor database.

8. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of faxing an order to a vendor.

9. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of emailing an order to a vendor.

10. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of placing an order on a web server for vendor access.

11. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of placing an order with a vendor by electronic data interchange.

Claim 12 (canceled)

13. (currently amended) The system of claim 15 ~~12~~ wherein capturing includes ~~[[i]]~~ receiving claim identification information from a claimant, said claim identification information comprising, at least, one line level; ~~[[ii]]~~ providing a client with an item tree of line item level data based on the line level and aggregating line item

level data collected from the claimant; and ~~(iii)~~ storing the line item level data in the insurance host server.

14. (currently amended) The system method of claim 15 ~~12~~ wherein evaluating the line item data includes ~~[(i)]~~ displaying at least one line item from the insurance host server; ~~[(ii)]~~ receiving a selection of at least one line item from a claim handler; and ~~(iii)~~ receiving authorization from the claim handler to execute payment of the selected line item, wherein said authorization is for a payment in a form comprising a direct payment, vendor transfer, line item payment, or preauthorized payment.

15. (currently amended) A system for capturing line item data, comprising:
a processor for executing programs;
a memory for storing a program executable by the processor, the stored
program including instructions for (i) capturing at least one line item data in an insurance
host server, (ii) evaluating the line item data during the processing of an insurance claim;
and (iii) fulfilling the payment of a line item based on the evaluation of the line item data;
and
a user interface for enabling the selection of a payment type associated
with said at least one line item;

~~The system of claim 12~~ wherein fulfilling includes ([i]]1) maintaining a vendor database on the insurance host server; ([ii]]2) placing at least one order for at least one line item from the insurance host server to a vendor; and ([iii]]3) tracking the order on the insurance host server.

16. (original) The system of claim 15 wherein maintaining a vendor database includes entering vendor information in the vendor database.

17. (original) The system of claim 15 wherein maintaining a vendor database further includes editing vendor information in the vendor database.

18. (original) The system of claim 15 wherein maintaining a vendor database includes upgrading a vendor to a preferred vendor in the vendor database.

19. (original) The system of claim 15 wherein placing at least one order includes faxing an order to a vendor.

20. (original) The system of claim 15 wherein placing at least one order further includes emailing an order to a vendor.

21. (original) The system of claim 15 wherein placing at least one order further includes placing an order on a web server for vendor access.

22. (original) The system of claim 15 wherein placing at least one order includes placing an order with a vendor by electronic data interchange.

Claim 23 (canceled)

24. (currently amended) The medium of claim 26 ~~23~~ wherein the step of capturing comprises the steps of:

receiving claim identification information from a claimant, said identification information comprising, at least, one line level;
providing a client with an item tree of line item level data based on the line level and aggregating line item level data collected from the claimant; and
storing the line item level data in the insurance host server.

25. (currently amended) The medium of claim 26 ~~23~~ wherein the step of evaluating the line item data comprises the steps of:

displaying at least one line item from the insurance host server;
receiving a selection of at least one line item from a claim handler; and
receiving authorization from the claim handler to execute payment of the selected line item, wherein said authorization is for a payment in a form comprising a direct payment, vendor transfer, line item payment, or preauthorized payment.

26. (currently amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method for capturing, evaluating, and fulfilling line item data, the method comprising:

capturing at least one line item data in an insurance host server;

evaluating the line item data during the processing of an insurance claim;

enabling the selection of a payment type; and

fulfilling the payment of a line item based on the evaluation of the line item data, ~~The medium of claim 23~~ wherein the step of fulfilling comprises the steps of:

maintaining a vendor database on the insurance host server;

placing at least one order for at least one line item from the insurance host server to a vendor; and

tracking the order on the insurance host server.

27. (original) The medium of claim 26 wherein the step of maintaining a vendor database further comprises the step of entering vendor information in the vendor database.

28. (original) The medium of claim 26 wherein the step of maintaining a vendor database further comprises the step of editing vendor information in the vendor database.

29. (original) The medium of claim 26 wherein the step of maintaining a vendor database further comprises the step of upgrading a vendor to a preferred vendor in the vendor database.

30. (original) The medium of claim 26 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of faxing an order to a vendor.

31. (original) The medium of claim 26 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of emailing an order to a vendor.

32. (original) The medium of claim 26 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of placing an order on a web server for vendor access.

33. (original) The medium of claim 26 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of placing an order with a vendor by electronic data interchange.